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In re application of: Lang et al.

Application No.: 10/681,749

Group No.: 3733

Filed: October 7, 2003

Examiner: Philogene, P.

For: Minimally Invasive Joint Implant with 3-Dimensional Geometry Matching the Articular Surfaces

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is a Response A for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already asserted.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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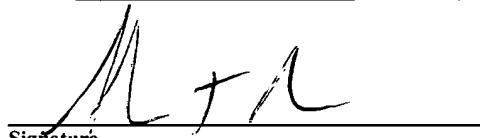
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE			ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	122	- 119 = 3	x \$ 25.00	=	\$	75.00
INDEP.	19 - 15 = 4	x \$ 100.00	=	\$	400.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00	=	\$	0.00
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$ 475.00			

Total additional fee for claims required \$475.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$655.00, including \$180.00 for submission of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If an extension and/or additional fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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